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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Charles E. Lents et al.
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Examiner : William Charles Doerrler

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 24, 2004, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expires on December 24, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.